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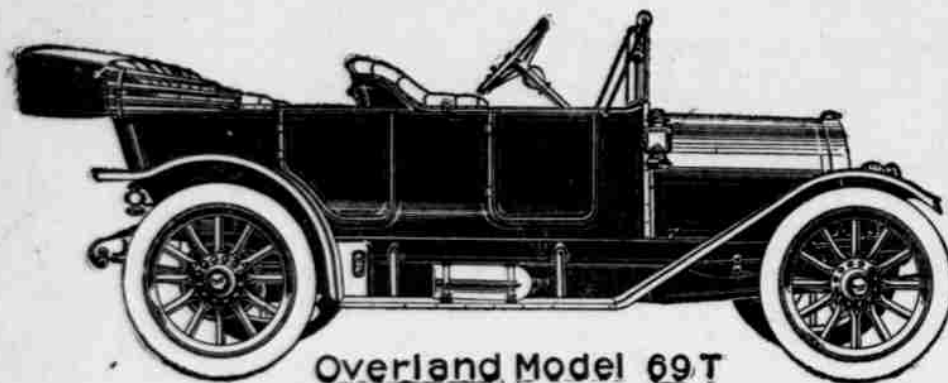
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NATURAL GAS FRANCHISE

Asked By Col. Stuart. Representing Company That Contemplates Entering Paris.

That there is a direct movement toward the extending of natural gas mains into this city and that residents of Paris will soon be supplied with natural gas was evidenced at the meeting of the city council last night at which Col. Thos. Stewart, representing the Central Kentucky Natural Gas Co., presented a franchise to the city fathers asking that it be granted, that his company may with the coming of spring begin the extension of the pipe lines.

The members of the Council were very enthusiastic over the proposed movement of the company, and it was the unanimous opinion of the body that the franchise should be granted. The only provision made by Col. Stewart was that the council exempt the company from taxation for a period of five years. This matter, however, retarded the granting of the franchise, owing to the fact that there was some question as to whether the council had the legal right to grant this request. The matter was referred to the city attorney and the finance committee, who are to meet with Col. Stewart and discuss the matter. A report will be made at the next meeting of the council.

The franchise as presented by Col. Stewart is exhaustive. It is for a period of twenty years, and the minimum rate is fixed at 35 cents while the maximum rate will be fifty cents with a rebate off for prompt settlement of accounts.

The franchise also provides that work is to begin on laying the pipe lines into this city within four months after it is granted by the city council and to be completed within ten months time.

City Attorney McMillan, on behalf of the council stated there was no opposition to granting the franchise but as there was a question as to whether the body had a legal right to exempt the company from taxation before the franchise was sold, was a point of law with which he was not familiar, but after the granting and sale of the franchise the city council would have the power to take such action.

Col. Stewart expressed himself as highly pleased with the interest shown by the members of the body, and on behalf of the company stated there would be no needless delays in the work, but they asked for ample time in which to complete the pipe lines and install necessary machinery, and that the period of time asked for was in excess of that required for the work but the company took this precaution to avoid any possibility of contention in the event of unavoidable delays.

Several members of the council were of the opinion that the time specified in the franchise to begin work and have the lines completed was entirely too long, but heartily agreed with Col. Stewart after the case had been placed before them.

The matter will come up again at the next meeting of the council at which time it is expected the franchise will be granted, and advertised for sale.

Railroads Victorious.

Every demand made by the four big railroads, the Louisville and Nashville, Illinois Central, Queen and Crescent and Chesapeake and Ohio, relating to the assessment for their tangible property for this year was granted to them Wednesday by the majority vote of the Railroad Commission. The majority comprised W. F. Klair, of Lexington, Democrat, and Green Garnett, of Winchester, Republican. An increase of 100 per cent in the assessment of the tangible property of the railroads was contended for by Lawrence Finn, of Franklin, Democrat, Chairman of the Board.

Two written opinions were filed with the commission. The opinion concurred to by Klair and Garnett can be summed up in this sentence from their opinion:

"The assessment made by this commission which is the same assessment of the tangible property as last year, is justified by the evidence before the commission, and there is now before this commission no competent evidence to base a greater valuation."

Actress Sues for Divorce

A dispatch from New York to the Louisville Courier-Journal Wednesday was as follows:

"Two arts and two temperaments made just four sources of dissension in the romance of John Fox, Jr., and Fritz Scheff, and after four years of more or less happiness the couple has asked the courts to cut loose the bonds that were so heavy upon them."

"The report that the writer and his wife had separated was first heard last fall. It was immediately denied, but it seems the denial was inspired by a desire to have the divorce proceedings conducted without publicity, for not long after gossip first became busy with their affairs the formal action was brought by Mrs. Fox. It was sent to reference by the Supreme Court Justice before whom application was made, but no record was made of the order."

"Fritz Scheff was in Davenport, Iowa, last night, and John Fox is also out of the city. The couple were received everywhere and entertained generously both in this country and abroad. They seemed so much in love with each other that the news of their disagreement occasioned real surprise."

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